#### **INDIANA TECH FLASH NEWSLETTER**

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Indiana's Most Comprehensive Electronic Resource For Engineering & Technology Education.



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**Nine Pages of** Resources!



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### **IMSTEA Super Mileage Challenge Awards!**



## **IMSTEA**

#### 2010 IMSTEA Super Mileage **Challenge Awards**

The 15th annual Indiana Math, Science Technology Education Alliance's Super Mileage Challenge was held on April 26, 2010.

A total of 51 cars from 39 Indiana High Schools were entered into this unique competition. Under the supervision of faculty members the students applied Math, Science, Technology and Engineering know how to design, construct and test the cars which took 10 laps in up to 25 minutes.

The goal of the event was not for speed, but instead to test their highly fuel efficient vehicles to achieve the highest mpg possible!



#### **Unlimited Class** Champion

Mater Dei High School Evansville, IN 1.004.02 MPG

#### Stock Class Champion

Greenfield Central High School Greenfield, IN 847.36 MPG

#### **Performance Concept** Award

(closest to projected mileage) PVETI Manufacturing Academy 98.757% Cayuga, IN

Best Integration of Math, Science and Technology Jac-Cen-Del High School Osgood, IN

#### **Best Design Proposal**

Sullivan High School Sullivan, IN

#### Craftsmanship Award

South Spencer High School Rockport, IN

#### **Sportsmanship Award**

Warsaw High School Warsaw, IN

#### **Tenacity Award**

Eastern Greene High School Bloomfield, IN

#### **Horizon Award**

(For best performing first-year school) West Vigo High School West Terre Haute, IN

#### People's Choice Award

Sullivan High School Sullivan, IN

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The State of Indiana makes "surplus" computer hardware available to educational entities under IC 5-22-21-7.5. Questions about the program or about the status of pending orders may be directed to bflake@idoa.in.gov

http://www.doe.in.gov/ super/2010/01-January/013010/ documents/ surplus\_computer\_ request.pdf Math-in-CTE

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Math-in-CTE is a professional development program developed by the National Research Center

of Career and Technical Education (NRCCTE) and is a curriculum integration model designed to enhance mathematics that is embedded in career and technical education (CTE) content. It is a process that provides the opportunity for math and CTE teacher teams to work together in communities of practice and to identify where math intersects with CTE concepts and applications. This process leads to the creation of math-enhanced CTE

lessons. Please see the <u>brochure</u>, <u>online</u> <u>application</u>, and <u>outline of</u> <u>the program</u> for more details.

http:// www.surveymonkey.co m/s/JHFTY56

"Strong Structures"



# blender

#### Blender 3-D design and animation software

Blender is the free open source 3D content creation suite, available for all major operating systems

> http:// www.blender.org/

#### **Toys from Trash**

A huge collection of resources, videos about

projects that can be made from recycled materials from your classrooms. http:// www.arvindguptatoys. com/toys.html

# ITEEA Membership Benefits

Our members are classroom teachers from elementary to high school, local and state/ provincial supervisors, college/university faculty, and museum staff.

Their common ground is an interest and involvement in technology education. Serving members since 1939, ITEEA brings together technology education professionals to share ideas, gain professional development, and

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improve public understanding of technological literacy.



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#### Career Connections

Please select a video



<u>Building Arches</u>
Discussion with an architect about the importance of arches in building structures.

# Explorer.defined learning.com

Enter the username of: INDOE and the password: INDOE to test drive

Defined Learning's
Career Explorer in which
your students will be
encouraged to express
interests and activities
that they enjoy and
translate those interests

into an area of exploration. This exploration will not only lead students down the path of relevancy between classroom studies and 21st century careers, but also better prepare them to begin to discover other careers paths that they may be interested in.

http:// explorer.definedlearning .com



VU is committed to broadening the dual credit options available to Indiana students and providing them with opportunities to receive hands-on college experience in career and technical areas. With this in mind, we are pleased to announce that beginning in the Fall of 2009, Project EXCEL will waive the tuition fee for students enrolled in dual credit courses in select career and technical areas.

http://www.vinu.edu/ cms/opencms/ academic\_resources/ project\_excel/



Careers in
Transportation
Curriculum Initiative for
Grades 6-12 Funded by
the US Department of
Transportation

We are looking for technology teachers at either the junior high or high school level who

would be interested in testing the **Distribution** materials either this spring or next year. We would want the teachers to test one or more of the lessons. They are not required to test the entire module. We are only asking them to test a lesson within the module. Of, course, if they wanted to test an entire module that would be fine. We are offering the teachers a 25.00 stipend for testing

the lesson and giving us written feedback. They may test more than one and be paid accordingly. Initially, there will be about 400 lesson to choose from.

http:// www.transportation careers.org/

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# PTC Pro/Engineer Academy

Gain nearly 1 million worth of FREE CAD Software today!

Welcome to the PTC/ Academy learning portal. Here you will find self directed and self paced tutorials to get you started using your FREE Pro/ ENGINEER Wildfire!



http:// www.ptcacademy.com/ Page 4 Indiana Tech Flash



#### **The Energy Story**

There are many sources of energy. In The Energy Story, we will look at the energy that makes our world work. Energy is an important part of our daily lives.

http://www.energy quest.ca.gov

# National Lab Day BETA A National Barn-Raising for Hands-On Learning

# National Lab Day Set for May 12, 2010

May 12 will be the first official National Lab Day! A number of key events in Washington and in selected states are being planned. Not signed up yet? Not to worry: even if May 12 doesn't work for you, National Lab Day is more than just a day. Whether you are looking for help with your science

fair, or maybe someone to host a field trip, advise an after-school program, help with a hands-on activity, or supply some cool lab equipment, National Lab Day can help. At the NLD website you simply sign up then submit your idea for a project (or what you need in your classroom) and the website matches your request with a STEM professional who has also

joined the NLD hub. (And you can also get funding for your classroom or project by registering on Donors Choose on the NLD site!)

http:// www.nationallabday.org/





# Interactive Energy Simulations and More

The University of Colorado PhET program has developed research base physics, chemistry, biology, earth science, and math simulations that are free to use in your classroom.

They also include teacher tested lessons to go along with the simulations. This can help students make connects between real world situations and the unseen scientific phenomena behind it.

Check out the great simulations related to energy under the physics tab at:

http:// phet.colorado.edu/ index.php



#### **Energy Hog**

Alliance to Save Energy's Energy Hog Challenge is a great resource for the classroom.

Their Web site provides classroom activity guides about different sources of energy, energy use at home, and how to save energy.

The activities incorporate Science, Math, Technology, Language Arts and Social Studies standards for grades 2-6.

They also provide interactive games for students to play and learn about additional ways to save energy.

http:// www.energyhog.org/





Engineering Alliance, a partnership among
Project Lead The Way
(PLTW), TSA and
SkillsUSA has been launched and is now available for preengineering programs.
Designed for PLTW middle and high school programs, Engineering Alliance provides a limited number of online

competitions and leadership activities. All components are online and accessed through the **Engineering Alliance** website. Current TSA chapters may choose to also affiliate with Engineering Alliance. Be among the first 200 programs to affiliate with Engineering Alliance and receive Founding Partner status - immediate access to program components through the 2010-2011 school year, a Founding Partner plaque and

website recognition for your school. Information about Engineering Alliance can be found in the PLTW press release and on the Engineering Alliance website. If you have questions about Engineering Alliance please contact Sandy Honour at shonour@tsaweb.org or 1 -888-860-9010 (toll free).

http:// engineeringalliance.org/



# SmartDraw is the ideal floor plan software

Start with the exact template you need—not just a blank screen. Add your information and Smart-Draw does the rest, aligning everything and applying professional design themes for great results every time.

Download Our Floor Plan Software FREE!

http:// www.smartdraw.com/



#### **Learning Connection**

Developed by the Indiana Department of Education as part of a federal grant for developing statewide data systems.

Provides access to longitudinal student-level

data from numerous sources to support instructional decisions and increase student achievement; opportunities to collaborate with colleagues from across the state through the extensive suite of

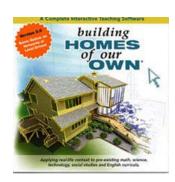
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.doe.in.gov

communication tools; and, a common point of access for

information from

IDOE.



#### Building Homes of our Own

Good news! We found one last box of Building Homes of Our Own CD-Rom games. Although our grant for providing free single copies to educators has expired. we can liquidate these last copies for a shipping and handling fee of \$12.00. If you are interested in securing one or more copies of the game, please contact us at dhayashi@ahacomm.com.

http:// www.homesofourown. org/

#### Welcome to the NASA Lunar Electric Rover (LER) Simulator

You don't need a driver's license, but you still need to buckle up as the LER Simulator gives you a glimpse of what it might be like to support the activities of a functioning Lunar Outpost. Get busy. You never know if your skills here will become a major part of the NASA Astronaut application process in the future.



http://www.nasa.gov/ multimedia/podcasting/ nasaedge/iphone.html Page 6 Indiana Tech Flash



RubiStar is a free tool to help teachers create quality rubrics.

http:// rubistar.4teachers.org/ index.php

# Indiana Robotics Educators grant has been funded once again for Summer 2010

Please register early and pass this information along to other teachers. We have a lot of robot kits to distribute. First year participants will receive a VEX Robotics Starter Kit.

Autodesk Inventor Professional Software, Autodesk Curriculum, workshop CD and other items Second year participants will receive a VEX Starter Kit, VEX Sensor Kit, workshop CD and other items. Third year participants will receive a VisualEdge Competition Kit and workshop CD. The third year workshop is only available in Indianapolis. Select the link to schedule your summer date and location to participate!

http://jotform.com/ form/10801735639



#### **STAR-LITE laboratory**



Work with your colleagues (some humanoid, some not) to complete quests in a lab. The STAR-LITE laboratory can be chaotic

and safety violations will occur. You will make critical safety decisions to ensure that you and your colleagues work safely in a lab. STAR-LITE (Safe Techniques Advance Research — Laboratory

Interactive Training
Environment) is an
innovative and
groundbreaking method
to learn about laboratory
safety techniques.

http:// www.starlite.nih.gov/

# National TeacherRegistry

#### Welcome to the National Teacher Registry

The National Teacher Registry is a free service for schools and teachers that enables them to create a list of the items they need for their classrooms. Teachers do not receive enough money for the supplies they need for their classrooms. This is a growing problem with severe education budget cuts across the country.

Teachers often buy supplies with their own money but there is a limit to what they can afford to purchase. The National Teacher Registry is a free service for teachers, parents and/or other

contributors. Products are sourced from national suppliers and discounters. There is no markup. It is designed to help teachers communicate to parents and others, the supplies that they need for their classrooms.

http:// www.nationalteacher registry.com/

## POWER SUMMER CAMP July 11-17, 2010

# Preparing Outstanding Women for Engineering Roles (POWER)

Power is a week-long summer residential camp for young ladies that will be entering 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The POWER camp provides the opportunity to explore careers in engineering through hands-on activities and interaction with both professional female engineers and engineering college students.

http:// www.engr.iupui.edu/ power/



# Animoto.com for education

If you are a teacher or educator, apply for a free *Animoto* all-access pass

for use in the classroom.

Produce unlimited full length videos from photos.

http://animoto.com/ education



# How 3D scanners and printers work

Jay Lenno shares how a 3D scanner and printer can be used in his automotive collection in Jay's garage.



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http:// www.starlite.nih.gov/

## Architect Studio 3D



#### **Design Studio**

On this Web site, you can design a house, walk through it in 3D, and then share it with the world. You can also learn more about architecture, past and present, and explore Frank Lloyd Wright's life and work.

http:// www.architectstudio3d.or g/AS3d/home.html

# Donors Choose org An online charity connecting you to classrooms in need. See Projects Gifts About See Projects Gifts About Social Media Challenge Give-Back Birthday 1. You give to any classroom project request 1. You give the materials to the teacher and kids Teachers go here! "I gave to my own project to ensure that

#### **DonorsChoose.org**

is a simple way to provide students in need with resources that our public schools often lack. At this not-for-profit web site, teachers submit project proposals for materials or experiences their students need to learn. These ideas become classroom reality when concerned individuals, whom we call Citizen Philanthropists, choose projects to fund.

http:// www.donorschoose.org Page 8 Indiana Tech Flash



# Combining Academic and Technical Studies to Prepare Students for College and Careers

Students preparing for college and careers need access to careerfocused programs of study that combine challenging academic content and intellectually demanding career/technical (CT) studies. Schools wanting to raise student achievement can create career-focused programs of study that connect a solid academic core with a sequence of CT courses.

http://
publications.sreb.org



# TEACH GRANT PROGRAM

Through the College Cost
Reduction and Access
Act of 2007, Congress
created the Teacher
Education Assistance for
College and Higher
Education (TEACH) Grant
Program that provides
grants of up to \$4,000 per

year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. If you are interested in learning more about the TEACH Grant Program, you should contact the financial aid office at the college where you will be

enrolled to find out if they
will participate in the
TEACH Grant Program.
For a listing of the TEACH
Grant eligible institutions,
click here.

http://studentaid.ed.gov/ PORTALSWebApp/ students/english/ TEACH.jsp



# Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

As a teacher in a public school or public service job you might be all eligible for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

Please be advised that your loans must be with The Federal Department of Education and they may also be able to help consolidate your loans for you.

A <u>Consolidation Loan</u> allows you to combine one or more of your federal education loans into a new loan that offers you several advantages such as one monthly payment, flexible repayment options, and reduced monthly payments. For more details contact the Public Service Forgiveness Program at: Contact 1-800-848-0979

http://www.finaid.org/ loans/ publicservice.phtml



Federal Perkins "Loan"
Cancellations for
Teaching in a
Designated Subject
Shortage Area

This cancellation is based on full-time teaching if there is a shortage of teachers in your subject area. Each year the state education agency

determines any subject shortage areas in the elementary and secondary schools within the state.

Check with your local school system or state education agency to find out if your subject matter area has been so designated. If you teach full time in science, mathematics, foreign language, or bilingual education, you qualify for cancellation even if the state has not designated one of these subject areas as a shortage area. the "Teacher Shortage Areas" a nationwide listing by content area.

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## **GRANTS, AWARDS & OPPORTUNITIES**

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Shade Structure Program The American Academy of Dermatology's Shade Structure Program awards grants in the amount of \$8,000 each for the purchase of permanent shade structures designed to provide shade and ultraviolet(UV) ray protection for outdoor areas. The AAD also provides a permanent sign to be displayed near the shade structure that promotes the importance of sun safety. The AAD receives support for this program from Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products Company.

**2010 Toyota International Teacher Program** a fully-funded professional development program for U.S. educators. The program will take place November 20 – December 4, 2010 and the deadline to apply is May 26, 2010. Questions or more information, contact by email toyotateach@iie.org or by phone (toll-free) 877-832-2457.

<u>Donors Choose</u> Here's how it works: public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on DonorsChoose.org.

<u>Welcome to the National Teacher Registry</u> The National Teacher Registry is a free service for schools and teachers that enables them to create a list of the items they need for their classrooms.

Conexus Scholarships To increase the skill level of Indiana's advanced manufacturing and logistics workforce, Conexus Indiana is offering scholarships to students enrolling in a one-year certificate or two-year associate degree program for advanced manufacturing or logistics. Scholarships are limited to students who live in Central Indiana (Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Morgan, or Shelby County). Applicants should be enrolled in a pre-engineering or another technical program at the high school level, and plan on pursuing a career in advanced manufacturing or logistics.

**2010 Summer Guitar Making Workshops at Purdue** Registration is open for the fourth summer of guitar making workshops. Join us for a week of fun and learning as you make your own custom electric guitar. There are three workshops so everyone can participate. Check it out at <a href="https://www.metalsound.org">www.metalsound.org</a> or contact Leza Dellinger at <a href="https://www.metalsound.org">Irdellin@purdue.edu</a>, 765-494-1279.

<u>LEGO Children's Fund</u> The LEGO Children's Fund will provide quarterly grants for programs, either in part or in total, with a special interest paid to collaborative efforts and in providing matching funds to leverage new dollars into the receiving organization. We will give priority consideration to programs that both meet our goals and are supported in volunteer time and effort by our employees.

American Honda Foundation Grants Organizations working in the areas of youth and scientific education may be eligible for grants from the American Honda Foundation. Our policy is to seek out those programs and organizations with a well-defined sense of purpose, demonstrated commitment to making the best use of available resources and a reputation for accomplishing their objectives. The American Honda Foundation will make grants in the field of youth and scientific education.



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